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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20, 25-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 30 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 5, 8, 10 and 32-36 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,102,135 to Shaw.

Shaw teaches a portable drilling or coring assembly shown specifically in Figs. 1, 3, 4 and 5, which comprises all of the claimed structure including a first stem section 40, a second drill stem section 48. The at least one engaging feature at the end of the first drill section is met by the reduced end portion 28' and the at least one mating feature for accepting the at least one engaging feature is anticipated by the spacer tube 40 which is located at one end of the second drill stem (see Figs 3 and 4). The round pin in the engaging feature is met by pin 32', the slot in the mating feature is met by slot 42', and the securing member for holding the engaging and mating features is met by the safety pin 34 of Fig. 4. And finally, the tool holder assembly is anticipated by the lower portion of the second drill stem which holds the cutter tool 54 at its lower end.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, and 32-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 12-20, 25-29 are allowed.


Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bell, Jr. et al, Shemake, Brammer et al, and Harrington all show tubular connection and methods.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank S. Tsay whose telephone number is (571) 272-7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 7:30am-5:00 pm, 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on (571)272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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